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# Chrysanthemums

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TWELFTH ANNUAL CATALOG

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

*The Largest Collection on the Pacific Coast*



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and California Association of Nurserymen*



# INTRODUCTION

In presenting our twelfth annual catalogue, we wish to thank our friends and customers for their liberal support in the past and to say that we will do our best to deserve a still greater demand for our plants in the future.

We list one of the largest collections in the United States, thoroughly up-to-date, all of the Well's Pockett, Totty Sets, and also the best of other English, American and French growers. We take particular pride in having an immense stock of plants grown under conditions that we have found the best for "Mums" on the Pacific Coast. Growing our stock plants in the open air, we do not have to propagate from spindly, weedy cuttings, but can choose robust ones. Many of the prizes in the open classes at the Pasadena show and nearly all the prizes in the amateur classes were won with flowers grown on plants procured from us.

Last year we called attention to the care we take to have our plants true to name. Every plant when put out is labeled and when in flower if it does not show the correct characteristics it is pulled up and thrown away, so that it is almost impossible to make mistakes.

## TERMS OF SALE

Shipments commence April fifteenth, continuing to July 1st. All plants are from two inch pots, unless otherwise agreed. Orders from unknown parties should be accompanied by cash or satisfactory reference.

I give no warranty on the plants. If for any reason the plants are received in poor shape, please notify me at once, so the trouble can be located.

ALL ORDERS WILL BE FILLED IN ROTATION—Six of a kind at the dozen rate unless otherwise quoted.

We list the largest collection on the Pacific Coast. All plants are sand rooted cuttings. Our field will be open for public inspection October 10.

Sadie A. Thomas  
"Mums the Word"

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

## Late Novelties

Price \$1.00 each—\$10.00 per dozen

Not less than six at the dozen rate.

A charge of 25c per dozen will be added on all order sent by mail Packing for express shipments at cost.

**GLENARTNEY.** A light buff with chestnut reverse. With extra fine stem and foliage. Fine for exhibit work. Height, five feet.

**MRS. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE.** Brilliant crimson with a golden reverse. Fine full bloom, good stem and foliage. All around good variety for exhibit work. Height, four and one-half feet. This variety came from England.



Miss Ruth Twombly

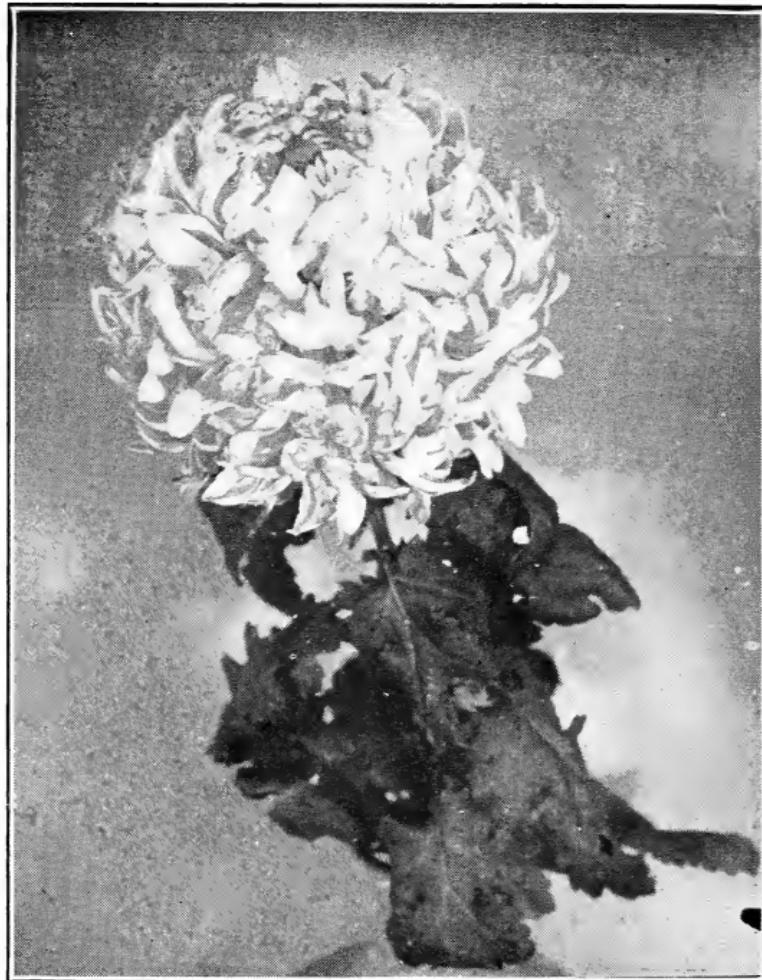
**MRS. JEFFRIES.** Color deep rose with tan reverse, habit dwarf. Good for pot work, fine stem and foliage. Blooming about November 10th.

**MRS. E. KERSHAW.** Extra fine bronze, incurved bloom, good stem and foliage. Good for exhibit work. Height, five feet.

**MISS RUTH TWOMBLY.** A wonder in form, good full bloom. Color a yellow, shading to autumn shades. Good stem and foliage. Height, five feet.

**PHILIP RICCI.** A large full bloom. Color, chestnut bronze. Fine exhibition type with long and graceful petals. Height, five feet.

**ROSE DAY.** Enormous flower—color rose pink. The finest of its color, reflexed type; lower petals drooping, making a wonderful effect. Height, four and one-half feet.



**Yellow Pockett**

**YELLOW POCKETT.** A light yellow, a sport from popular variety Louisa Pockett. With all the good habits of her parent. Height, four and one-half feet.

**ORANGE QUEEN.** A wonder in color, a burnt orange, coming in bloom about Thanksgiving time. Habit, a loosely incurved bloom, good stem and foliage.

**WHITE SURPRISE.** Reflex pure white, the flower matures about November first. This variety will become very popular for commercial work.

**SMITH IMPERIAL.** Undoubtedly the best incurved white. Dwarf habit, fine stem and foliage. Maturing about October 25th.

**ROSE PERFECTION.** A seedling from Chieftain, but darker than her parent in color. This variety can be grown in sun light without shading. Color a dark silver pink. Height, four feet.

## Novelties of 1920-21

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**CORPORAL J. FRED PIPER.** Immense yellow, the same style as Col. Appleton. Good for exhibit work with good stem and foliage. Height, five feet.

**EDDIE KNOPPING.** Rose pink—a Japanese type, foliage rather small, good stem. Good for commercial work. Height, four feet.



**Mrs. Charles W. Johnson**

**JOAN OF ARC.** Reflexed white with long petals; good dark green foliage. Height, four half feet. This variety was named by Pres. Wilson.

**KATHERINE TWIGG.** A white shading to pale pink. This variety extra good in type, form and color. Height, four feet.

**MRS. CHAS. W. JOHNSON.** Purest possible white, raised and named by the Secretary of the Chrysanthemum Society of America. Good for exhibit and commercial work. Height, four feet.

**SIR E. LETCHWORTH.** Deep rose pink with lighter reverse. The flower loosely built with extra fine stem and foliage.

**MEUDON SURPRISE.** A good sport of the well known, good variety Meudon. Color, pale fawn and maize yellow, with rose pink shading. This variety good for exhibit work, colors to be found in no other class.

**MRS. J. LESLIE DAVIES, (Pink Turner).** This variety will be more than welcomed. Same growth as white and yellow Turner. The color is a silver pink shading to dark pink in the center. Height, five feet.



**Mrs. J. Leslie Davis**

**SERGEANT W. E. YOUNG.** A large reflexed bronze, one of the finest of its color. You will find this variety in winner class. Height, five feet.

**VERMONT.** This variety was the winner of the Chrysanthemum Society of America for the fine pink, good stem and foliage. Height, five feet. Stock limited.

**NEW SCALE OF POINTS—EXHIBITION MUMS**

Color .....	15
Stem .....	5
Foliage .....	5
Fullness .....	15
Form .....	15
Depth .....	15
Size .....	30
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## Novelties in Single and Decorative Types

Price each 50c—\$5.00 per dozen

Not less than six at the dozen rate.

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**MRS. KATHERINE WILLIAMSON.** Seedling No. 448. A loosely built flower made up of four rows of petals. Color orange bronze with yellow eye. Height, two feet.

**DR. A. J. CRANCE.** One of the finest single whites which we have ever put on the market. Each petal rolls back and makes a beautiful effect. It's of dwarf habit, being extra good for bedding work. Matures about Nov. 10th.



**Dr. A. J. Crance**

**HAROLD IRE FISKE.** Seedling No. 434. A light silver pink with two rows of petals. Extra good stem and foliage. Height, two feet.

**MRS. W. K. JEWETT.** Seedling No. 5493. A bronze shading to red with three rows of petals. Height, two feet. Extra good for Xmas work, blooming about the end of December.

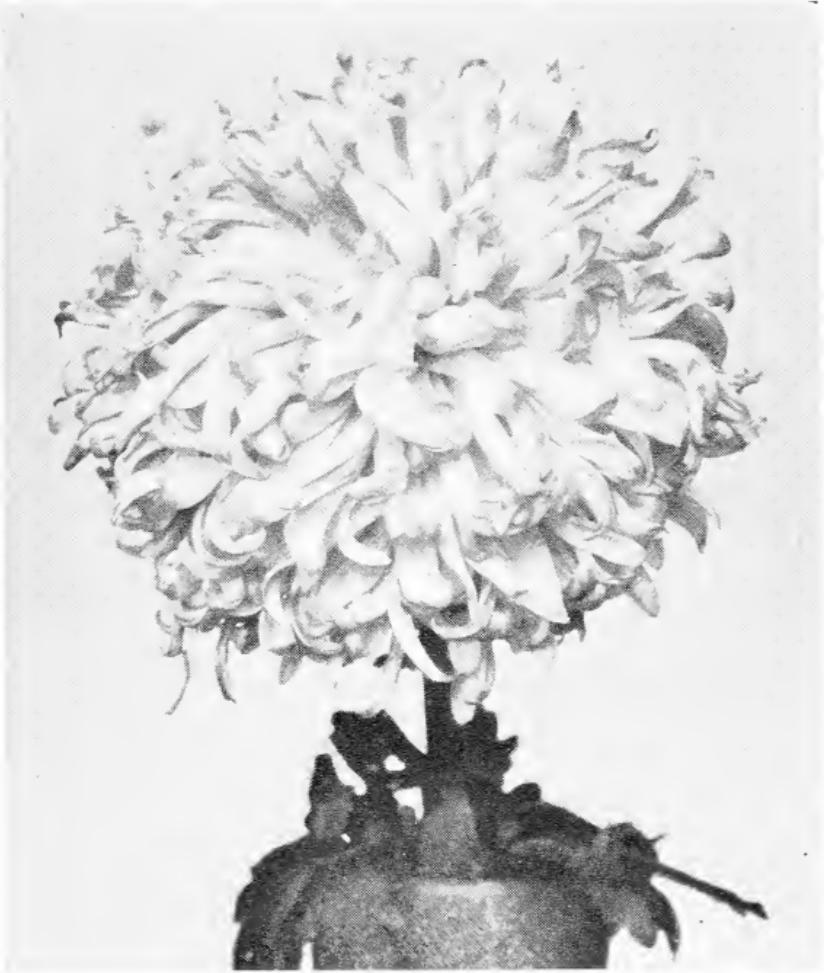
**DICK DOIG.** Seedling No. 452. A late soft canary yellow, shading to light pink. This making a beautiful flower—made up of two rows of petals. Height, two feet.



**Mrs. Pliney Watson**  
(See page ten)



**Vermont**  
(See page six)



**Meudon Surprise**  
(See page six)



**Fuji**  
(See page twelve)

**MRS. PLINEY WATSON.** Seedling No. 904. A wonder—the first of its style and type, its a little like the spider type, but the petals have a roll, making a wonderful effect. The color, apricot shades to a dark autumn color. Two rows of petals, height two feet. Decorative type.

*Peach-90c per dozen*



Sam Caswell

## Novelty Single Varieties

Price each 50c. \$5.00 per dozen.

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**BRUCENOLA.** Seedling No. 12. The color, apricot shades, with two rows of petals, height two feet—one plant carrying about ten stems of blooms.

**ELIZABETH MURDOCK.** Seedling No. 59. A creamy white shading to blush pink with yellow eye. Two rows of petals. Extra good stem and foliage. Height, two feet.

**CHRISTEN MacKENZIE.** Seedling No. 806. A single shading from apricot to mahogany shades with yellow eye. Height, two feet.

**EMILY A. BEAN.** A sulphur yellow shading to autumn shades; three rows of petals with yellow eye. Height, two feet.

**DORIS HALL.** Seedling No. 402. A light silver pink with a wonderful stiff stem. Height, three feet.

**PRISCILLA.** Seedling No. 421 or P 101. A creamy white shading with pink, to a soft lavender dwarf habit.



**Rose Perfection**

**HARRIET A. SNYDER.** Seedling No. A 3003. Beautifully quilled rosy crimson. It might be classed under Decorative and Spider type. Good stem and foliage. Height, three feet.

**PEGGY JOHNSON.** A little favorite to all. Color a soft shade of autumn. Height, two feet.

**REV. ALBERT L. HALL.** Seedling No. 427. White quilled with one row of petals with a small yellow eye. Fine stiff stem, looks a little like a star, blooming the first part of December.

Price each 30c—\$3.00 per dozen

**BRONZE BUCKINGHAM.** Color a faun pink, shading to dark bronze; height, two feet.

**MRS. W. E. BUCKINGHAM.** Color a silver pink with yellow eye. A little earlier than Mrs. E. D. Godfrey. Height, two feet.

## Novelty Feathery, Spidery and Thread-like Varieties

Price each 30c, \$3.00 per dozen

Not less than six at the dozen rate.

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**FUGI.** The largest of the entire set, pale lavender in color, very narrow petals hanging down about eight inches. Good stem and foliage. Carries about eight stems to a plant. Height, two and one-half feet.

**JU JUTSU.** The flower comes out white, then shades to deep rose, very free bloomer. The past year it has been one of the favorites in the field.



**Ju-Jutsu**

**SAM CASWELL.** This variety a little on the same style as White Thread. Color is a brilliant rose pink. Good for cut work. Height, two and one-half feet.

**WHITE THREAD.** One of the spider varieties. Petals of the bloom very thin, twisting around petals about five inches.

## Novelties in Standard Varieties of Pompons

Price each \$1.00, \$10.00 per dozen.

Not less than six at the dozen rate.

A charge of 25c per dozen will be added on all order sent by mail Packing for express shipments at cost.

**SEAFORTH.** One of the finest, brilliant scarlet—about the same style and form as the Doty family. Height about two half feet. Blooms about the end of November. You will find this variety in winner class.



Nellie Kleris

**SALLIE.** A beautiful shade of old gold, shaded to orange bronze. It's a sport from Allentown. Height, three feet.

Price each 50c—\$5.00 per dozen.

**ADELAIDE.** A rich mahogany shade. Develops about the middle of October. Height, three feet.

**CONNIE DICK.** A good clear golden yellow, extra strong stem, carries about ten blooms to one stem. This variety good for exhibit or commercial work.

**EDINA.** Beautiful rose pink, comes in bloom about the end of October. Height, two feet.

**MISS NELLIE KLERIS.** This variety, the improved on Lillian Doty, the same color but more flowers on the stem, growing about two half feet; fine for pot work.

**MRS. WM. R. STAATS.** A beautiful shade of lavender pink. The flower being of medium size. This variety good for exhibit or garden work. Height, two feet.



**Button Pompons**

**SHAKER LADY.** Bright pink, one of the finest in color and type. Good stem and foliage; height, three feet with good dark green foliage.

**SKIBO.** Golden chamois, flower of a small nature. Blooming about October 15th; dwarf habit.

**THELMA.** Reddish bronze, stands one of the highest in its class. Dwarf habit, good for exhibit or commercial work.

**ZELIA.** Color orange bronze, height, two feet. Good for exhibit work.

**FIRE BIRD.** At present the earliest red. It blooms about the middle of October. Good stem and foliage. Height, two feet.

**LEILAH.** A early rose pink, blooming about the first of October. Height two half feet.

## Novelty Pompons Baby or Button Types

Price 50c each; \$5.00 per dozen.

Not less than six at the dozen rate.

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**BILLIE BURKE.** A beautiful golden bronze, matures about Thanksgiving time. Height, about two feet.

**BRIGHT EYES.** As the name implies, each flower has a bright eye. As the outside petals unfold they are shaded to blush and white. Blooming about October 25th.

**BABY DOLL.** Very small, the same size. Has Baby yellow shading to slight bronze tinged with red.

**DOROTHY GISH.** The smallest white pompon, same type and form as Baby. Good stem, height two feet.

**MARY PICKFORD.** Most perfect form, outer petals reflexed. Good stiff stem, height two feet.

**MARGARET CLARK.** Rose pink, one inch in diameter. Blooming about November 10th. Height, two feet.

**VIVIAN MARTIN.** Perhaps the first Baby Anemone presented to the Chrysanthemum world. Center of the flower yellow, outer petals creamy pink. Height, two feet.

**FRANK WILCOX, JR.** Color an orange bronze. It matures about November 20th. Good for cut work. Height, two feet.

## Hardy Pompons for Pot Work

These varieties a little large, then the hardy pompon—extra good for pot and decorative work. Grows about two half feet. Each 30c, \$3.00 per dozen.

**BUTLER'S CAPRICE.** Deep rosy pink. Sport of Caprice du-Printemps. Good dark green foliage. Height about two half feet.

**GASTON QUINEAUX.** Scarlet crimson, very fine; good foliage. Height about two half feet.

**PURPLE CAP.** Extra good color, the only one of that shade. Bright purple sport of Caprice. Height, two half feet.

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Single varieties in Pompons and Japanese Anemones are divided into two classes, the large flowered and the small flowered.

## Cultural Note

One of the important features of successful growing of Mums is taking the correct bud at the correct time. It is impractical to attempt an explanation of how to take the different buds in writing; we take, on some varieties, first crown or second crown and on other varieties the terminal bud. With every order we send a guide, with name, color and when to take bud for the best results on this coast. Should there be any difficulty in the manner of disbudding, we shall be glad to demonstrate the correct process in our field. All Thomas Mums carry the Thomas label; none are guaranteed without.

## Announcement

By request we are specializing on Delphinums, placing on the market forty-one named varieties ranging in color from white, three shades of pink, five shades of yellow, eleven shades of blue and eight shades of royal purple. The varieties are from English, French and American seed, well rooted in three-inch pots. We can furnish plants that will supply a wealth of bloom throughout the year.

The varieties are Belladonna, Hybridum, Butterfly, Sulphureum, Nudicaule, Formosum, Formosum Coelestinum, Euremocarpus, Seaber, Echeveria, Secunda Glauca, Echings Ritio and Edelweiss.

An invitation is extended to visit our field and inspect the display.

Prices range from \$3.00 to \$25.00 per dozen. All stock is sold by number.

## Sadie A. Thomas

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308 Stevenson Ave.,  
Pasadena, California

### Growers of the first large Chrysanthemums in Pasadena, Autumn of 1892

Send for general catalogue of all varieties of Chrysanthemums with comprehensive descriptions, illustrations and prices of third largest collection in United States.



